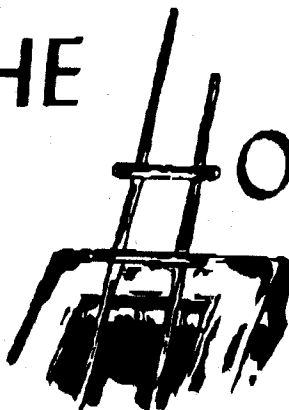


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Dear Mr. Holt,

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated May 1, 2000 regarding a Wisvest Corporation proposal to construct and operate a 520-megawatt natural gas-fired thermal power plant on 76 acres of private land on the west edge of Blythe, California.

General clan migration traditions link the Hopi Spider and Rattlesnake Clans from Third Mesa to this project area. Therefore, the Hopi Tribe and the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office appreciate your solicitation of our input, and your efforts to address our concerns.

Based on our experience with Peabody Coal Co., the statement in your letter that "water for cooling will be supplied by wells at a rate of approximately 2,200 gallons per minute" would seem to be unsustainable.

The Hopi Tribe appreciates Western's federal trust responsibilities to Indian Tribes, and we encourage you to consult in depth with the Tribes that will be directly effected by this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, belonging to Leigh J. Kuwanwisiwma.

Leigh J. Kuwanwisiwma, Director
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